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<b>(TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL POTENTIAL OFFERORS)</b>				10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)			
CODE		FACILITY CODE					
<b>11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS</b>							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input type="checkbox"/> is not extended.							
Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning <u>3</u> copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.							
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)							
<b>13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.</b>							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.							
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103 (b).							
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:							
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)							
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.							
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)							

**THIS AMENDMENT EXTENDS THE CLOSING DATE OF THE SOLICITATION UNTIL 12 NOVEMBER 2003 AND PROVIDES ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER.**

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR  _____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)		16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)	
15C. DATE SIGNED		16C. DATE SIGNED	

1. The closing date of this solicitation is hereby extended until **Wednesday, 12 November 2003**. The time and place of delivery are unchanged.
2. The following changes are hereby incorporated into the solicitation:
  - a. Section C, Page 14, delete subparagraph ao of paragraph 4.5. (Perform Factory Acceptance Test [FATS] as required on production units) in its entirety.
  - b. Section G, Page 27, paragraph (2) of Clause Ddl-G40 entitled Payment, Selected Items of Cost Reimbursement Contracts, replace NSWCDD with **NSWCDD/CDSA Dam Neck, VA**.
  - c. Section H, Page 30, Mandatory Requirements, replace **Microsoft AutoCAD** with **AUTOCAD** second sentence which identifies the types of software required.
  - d. Section H, Page 34, Resume Format and Content Requirements, paragraph following the degree identification is revised to reflect the following:

If non-degreed, if the degree is in an unrelated field, or if formal training falls short of a degree, the Government may evaluate additional specific experience/ education. Such work experience(s) shall be described at the level of detail discussed above or it may not be evaluated. Specific classes submitted for consideration shall be identified together with applicable training institution and completion date.
  - e. Section I, insert the following in the chart on page 49, FAR Clause 52.222-42:

Skilled Traded Helper-----Various-----WG 3/4 -----\$11.69-\$12.44
  - f. Attachment (1) contains FAR Clauses 52.204-3, 52.222-22 and 52.222-25 (Ref. Page 51), which must be completed and returned with proposal submission.
  - g. The requirement for the Government furnishing and the potential offerors distributing Past Performance Questionnaire is hereby deleted from the solicitation. All references to Past Performance Questionnaire are hereby deleted in their entirety. The offeror is reminded to submit the information required in Section L, Past Performance Reference List.

3. The following provides responses to questions submitted to the Contracting Officer is writing:

**Q1.** While preparing a response to subject solicitation, it was noted that Attachment J.4 on Page 50 is indeed a COR Appointment Letter and not a Past Performance Questionnaire as identified on page 71 of the RFP. The reasons for this urgency is, [the offeror] could not find a Past Performance Questionnaire in the subject solicitation. Being that this form must be distributed by 10/8/2003, [the offeror] felt the Government needed to know about this via e-mail rather than in writing.

**A1.** All references to the Government-furnishing and the contractor distributing Past Performance Questionnaire are hereby removed from the solicitation. The Past Performance reference information required by Section L of the solicitation will be used to evaluate the contractor's past performance.

**Q2.** Referencing P. 15, Para. 6.1.e, clarification requested - is the contractor required to possess in-house machining capability or is outsourcing to a local machine shop acceptable?

**A2.** Outsourcing is acceptable.

**Q3.** Referencing P. 15, Para. 6.1.i, clarification requested - is the contractor's facility required to have the ability to produce and copy aperture cards or is outsourcing to a local reprographics shop acceptable?

**A3.** Outsourcing is acceptable.

**Q4.** Referencing P. 19, Para. HQ C-2-0011(c), will the purchase of a perpetual software license/25 year agreement under specific tasking be an allowable contract reimbursable expense?

**A4.** This may be determined an allowable expense should the Government identify specific tasking for which a software license is required.

**Q5.** Referencing P. 27, Para. Ddl-G40 (b), will attendance at workshops or symposiums by direction of the Government under a specific task be an allowable contract reimbursable expense?

**A5.** The determination is made on a case-by-case basis; however, it appears that this would be reimbursable under the contract.

**Q6.** Referencing P. 30, Mandatory Requirements and P. 70, Key Personnel, will an Interim Top Secret clearance for the prime's facility and/or the Program Manager be acceptable, until final clearance is received from the Government?

**A6.** Yes.

**Q7.** Referencing P. 30, Mandatory Requirements, would a subcontractor's facility holding a Top Secret clearance meet the requirements of this RFP or does the prime's facility have to hold a Top Secret clearance?

**A7.** No, a subcontractor's facility holding a Top Secret clearance does not comply with the requirements of the RFP. The prime contractor must possess the required facility clearance. Should the efforts performed by the subcontractor require a Top Secret clearance, he too must possess the appropriate facility clearance. (Ref. Mandatory Requirements stated in Section H.) This requirement flows down from the prime contractor to any subcontractor or team member requiring access to, or generation of, classified data.

**Q8.** Referencing P.31, Para Dd1-H11 (b), suggest that "military recall" be added to the list of events that may necessitate a key personnel substitution.

**A8.** The first sentence of paragraph (b) of Clause Dd1-H11 contained on Page 31 is hereby changed to reflect the following:

"(b) The Contractor agrees that during the first 60 days of the period of performance no key personnel substitutions will be permitted unless such substitutions are necessitated by an individual's sudden illness, death, terminations of employment, or military recall."

**Q9.** Referencing P. 33, Para Dd1-H15, clarification requested – does the approval of Non-Key resumes include ALL Non-Key resumes (i.e. program/admin support, etc.) or only those for personnel providing support of a technical nature?

**A9.** The last sentence contained in clause Dd1-H15 on Page 33 is revised to reflect as follows: "All personnel providing technical support must be approved by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) prior to the person being direct charged to the contract," is hereby deleted in its entirety.

**Q10.** Referencing P. 58, Clause 52.211-14, what is the Priority Rating of this Contract?

**A10.** "DO" Any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation will be a "DO" rated order certified for national defense use under the Defense Priorities and Allocations Systems (DPAS) (15 CFR 700), and the Contractor will be required to follow all the requirements of this regulation. Reference SF33, Rating Block (DO-S10)

**Q11.** Referencing P. 60 & 61, Clause 52.215-1(f)(1) and (6) and P. 86, Para. HQ M-2-0001, clarification requested - Clause 52.215-1(f)(1) and (6) alludes to possible multiple awards, whereas Para. HQ M-2-0001 states, "ALL UNITS OF ALL ITEMS WILL BE AWARDED TO ONE OFFEROR." Which is correct?

**A11.** A single award is anticipated.

**Q12.** Referencing P. 65, Para. Dd1-L24 (b)(1), clarification requested – with reference to "diskette of the electronic media," is a CD-ROM of electronic media acceptable, as well?

**A12.** Yes

**Q13.** Referencing P. 66, conflicting statements between Para. Ddl-L24 (d)(3) and (e)(3). Para. (d)(3) states, "If the offeror elects to use electronic media..." but Para. (e)(3) states, "Offerors are limited to the use of pre-prepared overhead transparencies/slides only." Which is correct?

**A13.** Paragraph Ddl-L24(e)(3) is hereby expanded to include "elected electronic media."

**Q14.** Minimum and Maximum Quantities. The ceiling for this contract is said to be stated in the Schedule, but the Schedule does not make mention of the contract ceiling.

**A14.** The contract ceiling is established based upon a determination of the proposal representing the best overall value to the Government. Once this determination is made, it will be incorporated into Section B of the resultant contract.

**Q15.** Referencing Pgs. 49 and 74, clarification requested – with regards to the Senior Computer Programmer and the Junior Computer Programmer, the SCA equivalency table on Pg. 49 only lists a Computer Programmer. Does the SCA Directory ID listed in the table apply to both the Senior and the Junior Computer Programmer?

**A15.** The table on page 49 is hereby modified to reflect the following:

Labor Category	SCA Directory ID	WG/GS Equivalent	Equivalent Salary
Senior Electronics Technician	Electronics Technician III	GS-12	\$27.15-\$35.29
Electronics Technician	Electronics Technician I	GS-09	\$18.72-\$24.34
Logistician	Engineering Technician III	GS-10	\$20.61-\$26.80
Computer Programmer Sr.	Computer Programmer IV	GS-10	\$20.61-\$26.80
Computer Programmer Jr.	Computer Programmer II	GS-08	\$16.95-\$22.03
Technical Logistic Specialist	Engineering Tech I	GS-6	\$13.77-\$17.90
Technical Writer	Technical Writer	GS-9	\$18.72-\$24.34
Sr. Systems Analyst	Engineering Tech V	GS-12	\$27.15-\$35.29
Systems Analyst	Engineering Tech III	GS-10	\$20.61-\$26.80
Graphic Artist	Graphic Artist	GS-09	\$18.72-\$24.34
Skilled Tradesman	Various	WG-6 – WG-10	\$13.93-\$19.72
Skilled Tradesman Helper	Various	WG-3 – WG-4	\$11.69-\$12.44
Word Processor	Word Processor II	GS-04	\$11.04-\$14.35
Supply Technician	Supply Technician	GS-07	\$15.30-\$19.89
Drafter	Drafter II	GS-04	\$11.04-\$14.35
Jr. Engineer	Engineering Tech V	GS-09	\$18.72-\$24.34

**Q16.** Referencing Pg. 65, Para. Ddl-L24 (b)(2), how many paper copies of the oral presentation transparencies are required to be submitted with the proposal?

**A16.** 7 (seven) paper copies are required. (Ref. Page 65, Volume II requirements.)

**Q17.** Referencing Pg. 67, Para. Ddl-L24 (f)(1), clarification requested – Is the 95% of the "software related" work to be accomplished at CDSA Dam Neck, vice shipboard or other Land-Based Test Sites or vice at the contractor's facility?

**A17.** The following referenced sentence (Demonstrated understanding of "software related" work of which 95% is to be accomplished at NAVSEA CDSA Dam Neck) is deleted in its entirety.

**Q18.** Referencing Wage Determination 94-2543 Rev (32), included as part of the RFP, Pg. 5 of 8 has the Graphic Artist listed under Occupational Code 21150, with a Minimum Wage Rate of \$18.24. It appears the Occupational Code is incorrect, being that there is also a 21150 (Stock Clerk) on Pg. 4 of 8. Is the \$18.24 the correct rate for the Graphic Artist?

**A18.** The wage determination should reflect Classification Code ~~29~~150 for the Graphics Artist. DoL is confirming the accuracy of the identified minimum hourly rate.

**Q19.** Referencing Pg. 71, Para. Ddl-L26 (5)(a)(2), if citing a subcontractor's past performance, are their submissions to be included as part of the five (5) required or in addition to the five (5) required. If in addition to, how many per subcontractor are allowed?

**A19.** Each company (prime, subcontractor, and team member) shall submit a maximum of five (5) past performance references.

**Q20.** Referencing Pg. 71, Para. Ddl-L26 (5)(a)(3), is there a limit as to the number of Past Performance Questionnaires that can be distributed per contract cited?

**A20.** As indicated previously, the Government has deleted the requirement for the distribution of Past Performance Questionnaires.

**Q21.** **Page 27**, Section G, paragraph (a)(2) Non-reimbursable Travel includes travel to/from contractor's facility and NSWCD. Page 15, Section C, Paragraph 6.1 requires the contractor to maintain a facility within 1 hour commuting distances from CDSA Dam Neck, VA as the principal place of performance. NSWCD is greater than one hour commuting distance from CDSA Dam Neck. Suggest NSWCD be replaced with CDSA Dam Neck in Section G, Paragraph (a)(2), allowing travel from contractor's Hampton Roads facility to Dahlgren as reimbursable.

**A21.** NSWCD/CDSA Dam Neck shall be used as the designated work site in Section G of the solicitation.

**Q22.** Page 32, Section H paragraphs (1) through (4) and (6) through (8) do not identify minimum education or training requirements. Page 34 paragraph (j) requires offerors to show all post-secondary education. Additionally, reference is made to substituting experience in lieu of a degree. Are there specific education and training requirements for key personnel? What standard will be used for substituting experience if a degree is required (e.g. 2 years of additional experience = 1 year of education)?

**A22.** There are no specific education requirements, but all experience will be evaluated.

**Q23.** Page 65 Section L, paragraph (b) (1) allows for presentations to be delivered and made from electronic media in the form of a diskette. Is a Compact Disc (CD) acceptable? A diskette is unduly limited in its storage capacity and will not likely accommodate a 3-hour presentation file.

**A23.** Oral Presentations using submitted Compact Disks (CDs) are acceptable.

**Q24.** Page 66, Section L, paragraph (e)(3) states "Offeror's are limited to the use of pre-prepared overhead transparencies/slides only." Does this exclude electronic form presentations allowed on page 65 Section L paragraph (b) (1)?

**A24.** No. The offeror may use electronic media of their choice. Ref. Page 66 paragraph (d)(3), "If the offeror elects to use electronic media, the offeror shall be responsible furnishing all equipment (not including screen) for making the presentation."

**Q25.** Page 66, Section L, paragraph (e)(4) requires presenters to be the Program Manager and "senior" level key personnel only. Are "Senior" personnel limited to the Senior Project Engineer, Senior Computer Programmer, Senior Systems Analyst, and Senior Logistician categories only or can any key personnel proposed participate in the oral presentation?

**A25.** The Government is indicating that offerors should utilize their most experienced personnel in providing the Oral Presentation. Presenters of the Oral Presentation should include the proposed Program Manager and other proposed senior key personnel.

**Q26.** Page 75, Section L, paragraph b.(1)(ii) identifies a "Skilled Trades Helper (Non-K)" category, however, this category is not listed nor correlated in the table on page 49. Request correlation to SCA Category "Maintenance Trades Helper."

**A26.** The Skilled Trades Helper is equivalent to a Maintenance Trades Helper equivalent to a WG 3/4 with a salary ranging between \$11.69 and \$12.44.

**Q27.** Page 72, clause Ddl-I26 item 5.a.6. There is a conflict between the 2nd and 3rd sentence. 2nd sentence requires SF-294s or SF-295s for last three years. 3rd sentence requires SF-294 for last reporting period. Page 85 clause Ddl-M10 item I requires SF-294s or SF-295s for past three years. Recommend form SF-295 be required for the last three years, and form SF-294 be provided for latest reporting period only for contracts that are being submitted for Past Performance evaluation.

**A27.** Concur with the recommendation.

**Q28.** Page 85, clause Ddl-M10 item (h). Under Management Capability bullet Business Relations with other DoD Contractors states that the Management factor will be evaluated by the acceptability, approach and depth of understanding by evaluating "Business relations with other DOD contractors." No requirement exists for offerors to provide information on "Business Relations with other DOD Contractors" in Section L. What will be the source of this data? What information will be used to evaluate "Business Relations with other DOD Contractors?"

**A28.** The reference to the evaluation of "Business relations with other DOD contractors" is hereby deleted from the solicitation.

**Q29.** Page 70, clause Ddl-L26 6.(3) Table requires a "minimum" of 10 resumes of full time dedicated key personnel or the equivalent? Will the government accept resumes in excess of 10 full time dedicated key personnel? If so, how will these additional resumes be evaluated?

**A29.** The Government requires the submission of resumes to staff the ten key positions. Additional resumes may only be considered for evaluation where an offeror is proposing individuals on a part-time basis and only to the extent that the resumes are in support of key staffing of 10 positions.

**Q30.** Page 34, clause Ddl-H16, item (i), Work Experience, states that the "Project Manager shall list previous contracts or tasks under which he/she had technical and management responsibility including contract number and customer point of contact." There is no Project Manager Labor category listed for this solicitation. Is this requirement intended to be applied to the Program Manager resume or some other labor category within the solicitation?

**A30.** Yes, the reference is to the proposed Program Manager.

**Q31.** Page 6, Section C, paragraph 2.1.a. refers to Attachment II for a sample list of covered equipment. Page 50, Section J lists Attachment J.1 as List of Covered Equipment. Recommend Section C, paragraph 2.1.a. refer to Attachment J.1.

**A31.** The offeror is correct; the references to Attachment II should be to Attachment J.1.

**Q32.** Page 22, Section F, Paragraph titled "DURATION OF CONTRACT PERIOD" delineates a 5-year contract period. Page 81 Section L paragraph Ddl-L36 identified the contract start date as 1 March 2004 and performance start of 5 April 2004 to allow for a one month transition period. It appears the duration of the contract should read 61 months?

**A32.** The performance period of the contract is **60** months. The contract award is anticipated to occur on 01 March 2004 to effect a smooth transition between contractors allowing time for the securing of badges, transferring files, etc. Actual performance, however, will not begin until 5 April 2004 and will continue for 60 months.

**Q33.** Page 13, Section 4.5.v, 4.5.w, 4.5.x, and 4.5.y appear to be identically duplicated by Sections 4.5.z, 4.5.aa, 4.5.ab, and 4.5.ac. For clarity, these duplicated sections should be deleted. We request that the Government eliminate the duplicated sections and provide corrected designations for the sections following 4.5.y.

**A33.** Sections 4.5.z, 4.5.aa, 4.5.ab, and 4.5.ac are hereby deleted in their entirety.

**Q34.** Page 84 and 85, clause Ddl-M10 paragraph (g) is missing.

**A34.** Correct. Paragraph (g) was inadvertently omitted.

**Q35.** Page 85, clause Ddl-M10 paragraph (i) is followed by a second set of paragraphs labeled (b) through (f) within the same clause. It appears paragraph (a) is missing in the second set.

**A35.** The clause is complete as provided. It is recognized that numbering is inconsistent.

**Q36.** On page 13 of the RFP, section 4.5, items # z through # ac are a repeat of items # v through # y. Please clarify.

**A36.** See Answer A33 above.



**Q37.** On page 33 of the RFP, section Ddl-H15, the lead sentence states that "the contractor shall provide Non-Key Personnel in the following categories", but none are listed. Please provide.

**A37.** The first sentence of the referenced clause is revised to reflect the following: "The contractor shall provide Non-Key Personnel in the labor categories that are not designated as Key labor categories."

**Q38.** On page 35 of the RFP, the government requires the copy of the accepted offer letter in the technical Proposal to indicate the employee's annual salary. This is in conflict with the earlier provision that the Technical Proposal shall not include any financial data. In addition, accepted offer letters (with the agreed to salary amount) are required to be submitted in the Cost Volume. Please clarify.

**A38.** The last sentence of Section H Clause Ddl-H16 is revised to the following:

"If the employee is not a current employee of the contractor (or a subcontractor), a copy of the accepted offer letter (which identifies a projected start date and the agreed to annual salary) shall be provided in the cost proposal. "

**Q39.** Page 58 of the RFP incorporates FAR Clause 52.215-20, *Requirements for Cost or Pricing Data or Information Other Than Cost or Pricing Data*. The FAR specifically prohibits the requirement for cost or pricing data if adequate price competition exists and states that this data should not be unnecessarily required "because it leads to increased proposal preparation costs, generally extends acquisition lead time, and consumes additional contractor and Government resources". It is common knowledge within the Hampton Roads defense services community that there is considerable interest in this procurement, which should result in adequate price competition. Accordingly, it is requested that FAR clause 52-215.20 be deleted from this solicitation.

**A39.** Requirements for Cost and Pricing Data or Information Other than Cost and Pricing Data will only be used to the extent that they meet the requirements of FAR.

**Q40.** On page 67 of the RFP, the government states that the technical scenarios are hypothetical, yet scenario one on page 68 is closely based on the manufacturing and delivery of Peripheral Emulation System equipment to an LHA that actually occurred in 2002. This scenario is unfairly biased in the favor of those offerors who performed the work or who hired the former government supervisor of the project. It is requested that the government substitute a scenario that is truly hypothetical and which provides a level playing field for all offerors.

**A40.** The scenario is generic and will provide the Government a valid benchmark to evaluate the offeror's technical approach and understanding of the task. This is a common task expected to be performed under this resultant contract. Work of this nature is being performed throughout the DoD today and does not require specialized knowledge of our systems to develop the presentation. Similar efforts have been performed under contracts in the past and this is not viewed as giving any contractor a competitive advantage. **However, to alleviate concerns, the Government is expanding the hull class to include LHA, LHD or CVN.**

**Q41.** Page 78 of the RFP requires that the offeror "provide copies of current payroll records to support proposed base hourly rates." Because of privacy considerations, please eliminate or clarify this requirement.

**A41.** Information provided the Government will not be released outside the Government. This information is required to support proposed hourly rates. Any information that would infringe on the privacy of the proposed individuals should be removed, i.e., social security number.

**Q42.** On page 81 of the RFP, section *HQL-2-0004*, the government requires offerors to include a Make or Buy Program as part of their proposal, but does not specify which proposal volume is to include this document. Further, Section M does not indicate that the Program will be considered as part of the proposal evaluation. Please address.

**A42.** The offeror's Make-or-Buy Plan shall be contained in the cost proposal.

**Q43.** On page 16 of the RFP, paragraph 6.1.p requires that the offeror's facility have General Purpose Test Equipment listed in MIL-STD-1364H. This standard was cancelled on 10 April 1995. Please clarify.

**A43.** The contractor will be required to provide General Purpose Test Equipment when necessary in the performance of this contract or orders issued thereunder.

**Q44.** Page 65, section Ddl-L24 of the RFP, paragraph (b)(1), permits the use of PowerPoint but does not specify what version. Please provide.

**A44.** The current version of PowerPoint used is Office 2000.

**Q45.** Page 65, section Ddl-L24 of the RFP, paragraph (b)(1), specifies that the original 'diskette' of the electronic media is required to be submitted. May the media be submitted on a CD-ROM in lieu of a diskette?

**A45.** Yes, the original of the oral presentation may be provided on a Compact Disk.

**Q46.** Page 71 of the RFP, paragraph a. (2)(A), states "the offeror is responsible for the distribution of all Past Performance Questionnaires (Attachment J.4)". However, Attachment J.4 is the "Contracting Officer's Representative Appointment Letter". Please provide the Past Performance Questionnaire.

**A46.** The requirement for the Government-furnishing or the contractor distributing Past Performance Questionnaires has been eliminated from the solicitation.

**Q47.** Page 73, section Ddl-L32 of the RFP, paragraph (a)(3), requires submission of spreadsheets on a 3.5" diskette using Microsoft Excel:

- Please specify the Excel version to be used
- May the spreadsheets be provided on a CD-ROM in lieu of a 3.5" diskette?

**A47.** Office 2000 is the current version of Excel being used and the spreadsheets may be provided on a CD versus diskette.

**Q48.** Page 77, paragraph (xi)(A), specifies the requirement for a Wage and Salary Plan which is unduly burdensome on the offerors, especially given the government's intent to conduct a cost realism evaluation based on its estimate of the labor costs necessary to satisfy the technical requirements and to adjust the offeror's costs for evaluation purposes, if necessary. Request that this onerous requirement be either deleted or reduced.

**A48.** This information is required to aid in the performance of the Government's cost realism assessment.

**Q49.** Page 80, section Ddl-M10, does not cite Cost as a specific evaluation factor. But if "Cost" can be grounds for "rejection" based on a "subjective judgment on the part of the Government evaluators....", then the Government evaluation factor on cost needs to be more specific as to what would be grounds for "rejection"? Please address.

**A49.** Clause Ddl-M10 clearly states that the Government will evaluate offers received to determine which offeror reflects the greatest value to the Government. The Government evaluation of cost is addressed on Page 86.

**Q50.** Is the chart on page 49 of the RFP intended to prescribe a mandatory mapping of the RFP labor categories to the SCA/WDA categories? If so, then:

- a. Please confirm that the Labor Category of Computer Programmer is a "Junior" vice a "Senior"
- b. Please confirm that the SCA Categories of Electronics Technician I and III are supposed to refer to WDA categories Electronics Technician, Maintenance I and Electronics Technician, Maintenance III
- c. Please add the RFP Labor Category of Skilled Trades Helper to this chart with the corresponding SCA/WDA category
- d. Please specify what the SCA/WDA category is for the Labor Category of Skilled Tradesman, since the chart reads "various"
- e. Please confirm that the correlation of the Jr. Engineer Labor Category to the SCA Category of Engineering Tech V is correct since the Sr. Systems Analyst Labor Category is also correlated to Engineering Tech V

- A50.**
- a. See Answer 15 above.
  - b. Yes, the SCA Categories of Electronics Technician I and III are supposed to refer to WDA categories Electronics Technician, Maintenance I and Electronics Technician, Maintenance III
  - c. See Item (f) of paragraph 2 and the changes made to the chart on page 49. The Skilled Tradesman category is included to represent a range of skills that may be required at the delivery/task order level. The Government has intentionally avoided identification of specific categories to level proposal submissions. However, past experience has indicated that SCA categories of Welder, Pipe Fitter, Sheet Metal Workers, and Electrician have been used.
  - d. See above.
  - e. Yes.

**Q51.** On pages 84 – 85 of the RFP, the subparagraph numbers jump from (f) to (h). Was subparagraph (g) intentionally omitted?

**A51.** Yes

**Q52.** On page 85 of the RFP, the subparagraph numbers jump from (i), to sub-subparagraph (b). Was sub-subparagraph (a) intentionally omitted?

**A52.** Yes

**Q53.** Pages 32 – 33 of the RFP do not cite any education requirements. However, paragraph (j), EDUCATION, on page 34 states, "The government may evaluate additional specific experience/education substituted in lieu of the degree qualification." Please provide the degree qualification(s) for each key category.

**A53.** See item d. of paragraph 1 of this amendment, which revised the paragraph within paragraph (j) on Page 34.

**Q54.** Pages 14 - 15, paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2 of the RFP, both refer to CDRL A001. One states it is NOT a direct charge and the other states it is a direct charge. This seems to be in conflict. If the information in A001 is summarized by Delivery Order, it should be allowed as a direct charge to the specific Delivery Order. Please clarify.

**A54.** The last sentence of paragraph 5.1 is hereby deleted. The contractor is permitted to direct charge the reports to the applicable task/delivery order being performed.

**Q55.** Page 33, section Ddl-H15, NON-KEY PERSONNEL, states that "Specialized experience in two or more of the following systems is considered a requirement for the more technical labor categories..."

- Please define what the government means by "specialized" and provide the desired qualifications
- Please specify which categories the government is referring to when it says "the more technical labor categories"

**A55.** See paragraph 2d above.

**Q56.** Section L26(5)a.(4)(A) on page 71 says that the offeror is responsible for distribution of all Past Performance Questionnaires (Attachment J.4). It further states that Questionnaires should be distributed not later than 7 days after receipt of the solicitation. Attachment J.4 in the RFP is the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) Appointment Letter and associated COR checklist and not the Questionnaire. We will need an additional 7 days to get the questionnaires out to our appropriate government POCs.

**A56.** The requirement for the distribution of Past Performance Questionnaires has been eliminated from the solicitation.

**Q57.** Section L26(5) Past Performance states that the Offerors shall provide information on five relevant current/recent contracts. Section L26(5)a.(2) states that further, if subcontractors are proposed for this requirement, past performance references may be cited for current and previous customers of the proposed subcontractors. How may past performances are we allow to include in our proposal? Is it 5 for the entire team including subcontractors or is 5 per team member?

**A57.** The offeror should provide 5 past performance references for itself and each team member/subcontractor should have a maximum of 5 past performance references.

**Q58.** SOW Paragraph 2.0 and 2.1: The SOW refers to attachment II twice. Is attachment II supposed to be attachment J1?

**A58.** Yes, all references to Attachment II are revised to indicate Attachment J.1

**Q59.** Section I, Clause 52.216-19 (Page 42): The minimum order is listed as less than \$25,000. Should it be \$2,500?

**A59.** \$25,000.00 is correct. Neither the Government nor the contractor is obligated to performed tasks less than \$25,000.00 under the resultant contract.

**Q60.** Section I, Clause 52.222-42 (Page 49): Typically GS-12 positions are considered exempt in the government. Should the Senior Electronics Technician and Sr. Systems Analyst (GS 12 equivalent) be SCA categories (non-exempt) as listed?

**A60.** Yes

**Q61.** Section L, Page 61, paragraph (6): The paragraphs states "The Government reserves the right to make multiple awards if, after..." On Page 86, clause HQ-M-2-001 states, "All Units of All Items will be Awarded to One Offeror." Is this a multiple award procurement as implied on page 61, or a single award as stated on page 86?

**A61.** A single award is anticipated.

**Q62.** Section L, Page 65, paragraph (b): Can offerors submit hardcopy transparencies and an original diskette so the transparencies can be used as a backup in case the computer or projector fail during the presentation?

**A62.** Yes as long as both are submitted with the proposal on the closing date and are properly identified.

**Q63.** Section L, Page 66, paragraph (d)(1): How many days notice will offerors be given prior to oral presentations?

**A63.** Reference Page 66, paragraph (d)(2)—Oral Presentation will be schedule to begin not earlier than three working days after the solicitation closing date; therefore, the offerors will be given approximately two days notice of the date and place of the presentation.

**Q64.** Section L, Page 66, paragraph (d)(3): How much computer set up time will offerors be given prior to starting their oral presentations?

**A64.** The offerors have thirty minutes computer time between the opening of the Presentation Room and receipt of the transparencies/electric media and approximately 15 minutes after receipt of the sealed transparencies/electronic media and start of the presentation.

**Q65.** Section L (Page 67): Offerors are required to demonstrate an understanding of "software related work" of which 95% is to be accomplished by CDSA Dam Neck. Please clarify what the government's expectations are in this particular requirement (i.e., within the CDSA software charter, what is the functional area of the 5% of the contracted software support)?

**A65.** On Page 67, the referenced sentence (Demonstrated understanding of "software related" work of which 95% is to be accomplished at NVSEA CDSA Dam Neck") is hereby deleted in its entirety.

**Q66.** Section L, (Page 70): Personnel clearances are typically granted on a "need to know" basis against a specific contract. Can offerors cite clearance levels associated with other contracts?

**A66.** Yes.

**Q67.** Section L, (Page 71): Can CPAR data be used as a substitute for PPAIS? If CPAR data is outdated, can the offeror substitute a questionnaire?

**A67.** Yes CPAR data may be substituted for PPAIS. As stated previously, Past Performance Questionnaire distribution and submission have been eliminated from this solicitation. Offerors are to provide POC and contract data and the Government will conduct telephonic interviews with the past performance references.

**Q68.** The attached wage determination includes \$2.36 in health and welfare benefits requirements. Wage determination 95-2544 has a \$2.56 health and welfare benefit which is a more typical requirement. Should the wage determination be 94-2544?

**A68.** No, the current contract contains Wage Determination 95-2543, which is consistent with the determination attached in this solicitation.

**Q69.** Regarding the oral presentation scenario number one associated with RFP N00178-04-R-1004, the solicitation specifically states, *"Manufacture with Commercial Off the Shelf equipment a set of two emulators for a UYQ-21 display and install them onboard a Tarawa Class LHA..."* An assumption has been made that "manufacture" means the actual production, fabrication, and assembly of the emulators and does not include hardware design, software development and qualification (environmental, software stress screening, etc.) of the emulator's hardware and software. Is this assumption correct?

**A69.** The intent of the task is to progress from design through production to installation.

**Q70.** Section L: Ddl-L26, Paragraph (6), bullet 4, page 72, Satisfactory Performance Period: Should this list of references include references in the Past Performance Reference List (Paragraph (5)(a), page 71) or those supplemental to the Past Performance Reference List?

**A70.** Either.

**Q71.** Section L: Ddl-L32, Paragraph (a)(3), Page 73: May we submit cost spreadsheets on a CD-ROM rather than on a 3.5" diskette?

**A71.** Yes.

**Q72.** Section L: Ddl-L10, Paragraph (a)(1), page 64:

- (a) What fill-ins are required to complete Section C? Does this refer to HQ C-2-0002 Access to Proprietary Data or Computer Software on page 18?
- (b) What fill-ins in Section H should the offeror complete and which will the Government fill in? The fill-ins I noted are: Guaranteed Savings Clause on page 30; Ddl-H40 Funding Profile on page 35; SEA 5252.216-9122(b) Level of Effort on page 36; and SEA 5252.232-9104(a)&(c) Allotment of Funds on pages 37 and 38.

**A72.** (a) There are no fill-in to be completed in Section C.

- (c) Section H contractor fill-ins are the Guaranteed Savings Clause on page 30 and the SEA 5252.216-9122(b) Level of Effort on page 36.

**Q73.** Section L: Ddl-L26, Paragraph (5)(a)(6), Page 72: Please clarify whether or not it would satisfy the solicitation requirements for the offeror to submit SF-295s rather than SF-294s. If we submit SF-294s for the last three years (final SF-294s for completed contracts and the latest SF-294s for ongoing contracts), we would be submitting hundreds of pages of SF-294s. Or, is it the government's intent for large business offerors to limit the submission of SF-294s to only those contracts cited in the Past Performance Reference List?

**A73.** Offers should ensure that the SF 294s and/or SF 295s correspond to the past performance reference list.

**Q74.** Both Section L, Ddl-L24, Paragraph (f)(1), page 67, and Section M, Ddl-M10, Paragraph (e), page 84, refer to "various programs." The SOW refers only to ACDS, SSCS, ACS, ASDS, and various other "systems." Please provide a list of the various programs and systems for which a demonstrated understanding is required.

**A74.** The reference to SSCS should be SSDS. The systems identified reflect the preferred systems supported by the proposed contract and a representative sampling of programs supported. Other programs supported include AEGIS, and multiple fire control systems and interfaces to multiple other systems aboard ship.

**Q75.** Multiple Sections: The terms "Delivery Order" and "Task Order" appear to be used in different locations in the solicitation to mean the same thing. Examples of the use of the term Delivery Order and the term Task Order are in Paragraphs 5.1-5.2, pages 14-15; Paragraph Ddl-G20 (d) and (e), pages 25-26; and Paragraph Ddl-L24 (f)(2)(i), page 68. In CDRL A003, Block 5 and Block 16, the term Task Order is used to identify a specific product/deliverable. Are these terms being used interchangeably, or is there a distinction we should be aware of regarding the use of these terms?

**A75.** The terms Delivery Order and Task Order are being used interchangeably throughout the solicitation. The term "Delivery Order" refers to the delivery of an end items (supply) and "Task Order" refers to the delivery of services (hours).

#### **ATTACHMENT**

- (1) FAR Clauses 52.204-3, 52.222-22 and 52.222-25.

**52.204-3 - TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION (OCT 1998)**

## (a) Definitions.

"Common parent," as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member.

"Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)," as used in this provision, means the number required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be used by the offeror in reporting income tax and other returns. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number.

(b) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (d) through (f) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the IRS. If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 4.904, the failure or refusal by the offeror to furnish the information may result in a 31 percent reduction of payments otherwise due under the contract.

(c) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

## d) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

- ☐ TIN: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ TIN has been applied for.
- ☐ TIN is not required because:
- ☐ Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;
- ☐ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;
- ☐ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

## (e) Type of organization.

- ☐ Sole proprietorship;
- ☐ Partnership;
- ☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);
- ☐ Corporate entity (tax-exempt);
- ☐ Government entity (Federal, State, or local);
- ☐ Foreign government;
- ☐ International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## (f) Common parent.

- ☐ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (a) of this provision.

☐ Name and TIN of common parent:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

TIN: \_\_\_\_\_



**52.222-22 - PREVIOUS CONTRACTS AND COMPLIANCE REPORTS (FEB 1999)**

The offeror represents that --

(a) ☐ It has, ☐ has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation;

(b) ☐ It has, ☐ has not, filed all required compliance reports; and

(c) Representations indicating submission of required compliance reports, signed by proposed subcontractors, will be obtained before subcontract awards.

**52.222-25 - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE (FEB 1984)**

The offeror represents that

(a) ☐ it has developed and has on file, ☐ has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1 and 60-2), or

(b) ☐ has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.